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THE worſt Conſtructions and foulest Language are inſeparable Companions of the worſt Cauſe. I was not therefore at all ſurprized at the *Craſtſman* of *Saturday, December* 6, 1740. Mr. *D'Anvers* ſeem'd to me talking in his natural Stile; and for my part I am always glad to ſee a Man vent his Paſſion, eſpecially if I know him apt to take Things to heart, and in danger of a Fit of Sickneſs, whenever out of Reſpect to Decency, or thro' Fear of the Laws, he is conſtrained to keep his Temper. Blockhead, Proſtitute, Puppy, are all Patriot Terms, and muſt be indulged to their Writers; they could anſwer nothing without them. It is true, that formerly the Publick never heard any ſuch Language; but the Reaſon of that was, Mr. *Addiſon*, Sir *Richard Steele*, Mr. *Mawwaring*, and ſuchlike Writers, formerly entertained the Town not with Railing but Reaſoning. Theſe were polite Politicians, and could not prevail on themſelves to ſtain their Paper with ſuch coarſe Stuff, but it is otherwiſe with a *Terræ Filius*. All the World knows *Billingſgate* is his Mother-Tongue; bar him from that, you gagg him. In Conſideration of which I will in my own Juſtification make ſome Remarks upon that Journal, and then commit to him the Care of letting down another Torrent of ſuchlike dirty Stuff, without either Truth or Argument, and calculated only for Mob Readers, who, like the Author, glory in Scurrilities, and are never ſo much delighted with his Papers as when nothing to the Purpoſe. It is to the ſober and thinking Part of the World I write, and therefore cannot return him his own Language.

I believe it will be beſt to follow his Method, becauſe it will be for the Eaſe of every Peruſer, which muſt be my Excuſe for meddling with Perſonalities, before I ſpeak of what immediately concerns the Publick. The Sum of his Charges againſt me reſpect Birth, Education and Behaviour. With reſpect to the firſt, I never knew that any *Engliſhman*, how meanly ſoever deſcended, had not a Right to ſpeak for himſelf. I pretend to no more than being a Free Man, and am ſorry the Heat of this well-born Writer hath let us into the Secret, that his Patrons have ſuch high Notions of Family; this perhaps may do them no great Good with the People. But to be ſerious. Birth in a Writer is a Thing not to be boaſted of; and ſo Mr. *D'Anvers* may take as much to himſelf on this Head as he pleaſes. Next as to Education. It is indeed a Misfortune for him not to have had Univerſity Education; but not greater (at leaſt as I take it) than having been excluded from one. But Academical Learning is not always neceſſary to qualify a Man for a Publick Writer. His Grace of *Wharton* and Sir *Richard Steele* are Inſtances of this; for, I believe, all the World are not now ſatisfy'd that the *Greys-Inn* Barriſter writes better. In regard to Behaviour, I ſubmit to my Betters, I appeal to my Papers, and do not preſume to judge for the Publick.

When 'Squire *D'Anvers* comes to the Point, he takes the Liberty (as uſual) to miſ-ſtate the Queſtion. He complains me as an Advocate for unſtamp'd Papers; a Thing I never thought of. He attack'd the Adminiſtration, as if they had enter'd into a Confederacy with the Proprietors of *Farthing Poſts*, to hurt the Proprietors of the *Country Journal*, and other Patriot Papers. Againſt this heavy, this ſcandalous Accuſation, thrown out during a Seſſions of Parliament that it might do more Miſchief, I defended thoſe at the Helm (that is all my poor Endeavour) and ſhewed that it was full as groundleſs as it was baſe and malicious. How then am I the *Farthing Poſts* my Clients? But, it ſeems, I am ſo ſtupid as to ſay the *Craſtſmen* were as prejudicial to the Government as theſe unſtamp'd Papers. And what then? I ſpoke of the Thing as it appeared to me. For this he will have proved from my being a Blockhead: Let him in his next call me an Obſtinate Blockhead, ſince I perſiſt in my Judgment, and do aſſert, that I would ſooner forgive ten Fellows for picking my Pocket, than one who but attempted to cut my Throat, or ſpirited up a Mob to tear me in Pieces. I am no Coxcomb 'tis true, I talk not of Birth or Breeding, but ſpeak what I think. The *Farthing Poſts* cheat, and plead Neceſſity; other People have inſulted the Government, and are proud of it. Who are worſt?

Next he is angry at my ſuggeſting, that tho' he writes in the Cauſe of Patriotiſm he writes to get Money. But does he deny it? No, he juſtifies it. Nay all this Outcry about unſtamp'd News-papers, the Squabble with HAINES, and his Outcries to the *Middleſex Juſtices*, are all about Money. What I ſaid therefore was true; and indeed I was ſuch an Oaf as to imagine for that Reaſon he would not be angry; but I ſtand corrected, and ſhall take care, when I am talking to *Patriots*, how I mention Money or Truth again. To be reveng'd of me, he ſays ſomewhat of dealing in Wine; why really I am not ſo teſty as he is, I am not in the leaſt angry, quite the contrary; and therefore I ſhould be glad, ſince he will have us to be old Acquaintance, to recollect what he dealt in before he dealt in Libels. It would be ſome Satisfaction to his City Friends, if either he or I could ſay when he got a peaceable Living.

As to the Conduct of Commiſſioners of the Stamp-office, even Mr. *D'Anvers* finds nothing to object. There is indeed a Hint about the Size of Paper, which I wonder'd to find there, becauſe there was formerly a Scheme talk'd of for procuring an Explanation of the Act 11. *Georgi* I. as to the Term Half-ſheet, on account of a Practice introduced ſoon after that Act took place, of making uſe of Paper of ſuch a Size as that a modern Half-ſheet of News would contain more than was formerly in a whole one. How far the Proprietors of the *Country Journal* have profited by this Invention, I need not ſay; but while they get by it, I perſuade myſelf they will never complain of it, tho' an Invaſion on the true Meaning of the Statute. Theſe are poor things to entertain the Publick with at this important Juncture, and ſerve only to ſhew, that while Patriots preach up Diſintereſtedneſs and a Contempt of narrow Views, they are of all others moſt attentive to their Private Concerns. Were it not ſo, how at this Seaſon of the Year ſhould the Town be peſtred with theſe Complaints. If they are injured, the Law is open, and they may ſpeedily be redreſs'd. If not, they cannot ſurely expect any Acts of Power in favour of Papers againſt the State, becauſe they pay ſomewhat to the Stamp-office. By the ſame Rule, Drunkenneſs ought to be encouraged, in order to advance the Exciſe.

Another Inſtance of Mr. *D'Anvers*'s Modeſty is in the Affair of HAINES, who is indeed at liberty, thro' the Lenity of the Government, tho' he had ſo highly offended againſt it. It is inſinuated, that he was put on publiſhing his Caſe, in order no doubt to take from its Credit. Whereas, in fact, the *Caſe* of HAINES was printed long ago, and would have been publiſh'd more effectually than it was, if it could have been advertiſed freely. By this *Caſe*, the Diſtreſs and Hardſhip under which HAINES labour'd came to be known to *Perſons* in Power; and if any one, in pity to the poor Man's wretched Condition, favour'd his Applications, I cannot tell what Vileneſs of Heart was ſhewn therein. But ſure there was no great Tenderneſs of Heart manifeſted by thoſe who brought HAINES into his Misfortunes, in leaving him to ſink under them, nay and employing their Influence to imbitter them. Let Mr. *D'Anvers* exerciſe his Eloquence as long as he pleaſes on this Subject, of which by the way he cannot ſpeak with common Patience, he will never be able to extenuate the Cruelty of his own Party, or make the World believe the Adminiſtration wants Compaſſion. It would be certainly for his Benefit, could this Matter be for ever buried in Oblivion; and ſo little am I a Friend to perſonal Reflections, that I could wiſh it were ſo.

I ſuppoſe the Extracts of the Statute relating to the Stamp-duties were inſerted to ſupport his Character as a Barriſter, tho' by-the-by moſt of the Stationers Apprentices about the Inns of Court could have given us as learned an Account of the Affair as he has done. The only Difference is, they would have told us what they meant, whereas he does not. If a Remedy at Law is clear, why does he not take? If on Information, Juſtices may puniſh theſe Offenders, why does he not inform? If he can propound any Method of couching ſuch Attempts to the Commiſſioners of the Stamp office, why has he not done it? But if he apprehends, ſchooling the Miniſtry and —— in his *Journals* will do the Buſineſs, compel a haſty putting in Execution, right or wrong, the Laws in force, or produce new; I doubt he will find himſelf grievouſly miſtaken, notwithſtanding the wondrous high Opinion he has of himſelf and his ſuperior Parts. In truth, he is a bold *Cenſor*, not only of *Miniſters* to whom he *paid* his *Court* in *vain*, and of *Writers* who differ from him and therefore cannot have common Senſe, but of more elevated Perſons, who, becauſe they follow not the Dictates of his Patrons, are ſcarce allow'd common Honeſty.

The Liberty of the PRESS never was exerciſed ſince the *Preſs* was invented at the Rate it now is; and yet the Enemies of the Adminiſtration are not contented. Sure I am, that they ſeem to write as if they intended to bring if poſſible the Liberty of the PRESS in Danger, by repeated Abuſes of it; and to hazard all our other Liberties, by their Manner of acting. No Government, in this or in any other Nation, ever gave Subjects greater Indulgences than this we live under; and yet no Government ever was ſo rudely treated, or the People ſo openly ſtirred to Tumult and Sedition. But if we may conjecture what their Conduct will be when they obtain Power who are at preſent in ſo hot Purſuit of it, doubtleſs we have much to fear; for ſuch as cannot, even when they are out, bear Oppoſition with any Temper, are not likely to ſhew much Mercy when a Capacity of ſhewing it comes to their Turn. Mr. *D'Anvers*, in the Quality of Attorney General, would finiſh what he has begun as a plain Counſellor. This, I hope, will not however happen in our Time.

R. FREEMAN.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, Dec. 10. Wind N. N. E. Remains his Majeſty's Ship Eltham. The Cruizer Man of War and the outward-bound Merchant ſhips are preparing to ſail; ſeveral are under Sail. Arrived the N. S. de Piedade e Bom Succeſſo, Menorque, from St. Ubes. Came down the Nottingham, Story, for Boſton; the Dawkins, Taylor, for Ireland; and the St. John, Connell, for ——.

Graveſend, Dec. 10. Paſſed by the Hannah, Tiffin; and the Francis and Ann, ——, from Philadelphia; the Concord, Broader, from Faro; the Mary, Rerfoot; the Betty, Smith; the Britannia, Proctor; the Ellen, Raoul; all from Oporto; the Lady Mary, Baarns, from Havre; the Chandos, Griffith, from Rotterdam; the Houghton, Hancock, from Lisbon; the Induſtry, Harris, from Boſton; and the Two Siſters, Francis, from ——.

Arrived

At Glaſgow, the Free Maſon, Blair, from Virginia.

In our laſt, in the Falmouth Article, read the Neptune, Brapple, for South Carolina, inſtead of the Neptune, Boyde.

LONDON.

Laſt Week the Rev. Mr. Andrew Pern, Fellow of St. Peter's College in Cambridge, was preſented by Granado Piggott, Eſq; to the Rectory of Abington in the Clay, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Haverdine.

Laſt Monday Morning a Man pretty well dreſt was found ty'd to a Tree in Gerrat Hoſtle Lane near Cambridge, where he had been bound about five o'Clock the Evening before, by ſome Ruffians who met him on Clare Hall Piece and robb'd him, and then bound him as above.

We hear from Berkhamſtead in Hertfordſhire, that the Wife of Mr. Humphreys, to whom he had been married upwards of 25 Years and never had a Child, was laſt Week ſafely deliver'd of Two Boys and Two Girls; and the Mother and Children are all likely to do well.

Yeſterday the following Prizes were drawn in the Bridge Lottery, viz. No. 3943, 1000l. No. 46738, 500l. No. 49163, 43779, 54913, each 100l. No. 32307, 21805, 18258, 64960, 22054, 34503, 43902, 46355, 62600, 36543, 10568, 22236, each 50l.

Laſt Night about 8 o'Clock a Fire broke out at a Sugar-baker's in Duchy-lane near Arundel-ſtreet in the Strand, which burnt for ſome time with very great Violence; the Particulars of the Damage we have not yet learn.

On Wedneſday laſt Judith Baſing and Mathew Cook were committed to the Gatehouſe by Col. De Veil, for a Robbery committed upon Mr. Slowman, an Attorney at Law, at the Nag's Head in Hart ſtreet by Covent Garden.

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